



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

North Dakota National Guard

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Dear National Guard Family Member,

Welcome to the National Guard Family! I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the decision of your loved one to become a member of the North Dakota National Guard. We are like a second family, the camaraderie and friendship gained here will last a lifetime.

I would also like to introduce you to the North Dakota Service Member and Family Support (SMFS) Division which will find helpful during your Soldier's or Airman's entire military career.

The SMFS mission is to establish and facilitate ongoing communication, involvement, support, and recognition between National Guard Families and the National Guard in a partnership that promotes the best in both.

You are an integral part of the National Guard and we indeed recognize that you serve as well. The SMFS staff is available to help you with any questions or concerns that may come up during your service member's service in the National Guard beginning with Basic Training to their first deployment.

Here in North Dakota, our Family's primary means of communication and support is the Family Readiness Group or FRG. The FRG is made up of spouses, parents, siblings, and significant others. The FRG is an excellent way for you to meet others as well as receive and share information about your Family member's National Guard unit. Please take a moment to look at the enclosed materials to find out more about how you can become involved with your unit's Family Readiness Group and ease your transition in to the National Guard Family.

Thank you again for your service and welcome to the North Dakota National Guard!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David A. Sprynczynatyk".

David A. Sprynczynatyk
Major General, ND National Guard
The Adjutant General

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